

Rev S. H. May
Lumberton -

Sent to S. M. Boston

Charles Parker

~~Prospectus of my
action; work, }~~

~~He sent paper
I sent to "Wm
copies of African
Report, &c.~~

Dispersed among
Abolitionists

Mrs. Weston

Sent Parker's
of Sunday Lecture }
to W. James.

To G. A.

Faint Hall Boston

Ingraves to Parker

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Rev J. May

Bristol, June 20. 1844 -

My dear Sir and Brother,

Your letter was open before me, repeated
as ever for having delayed so long to write to you,
but many things have conspired to hinder
me, which I should fill my sheet to detail, and
which, I am sure, if you knew, you would
readily acknowledge, justified my apparent
neglect. I have heard from you, directly, only once
since your return to America. But of course I have
seen your letters to my colleagues, and have rejoiced
to learn that our "Address" has been productive of good.
We had very much trouble here in procuring signa-
tures, and I wish I could show you the letters that
I received from Martineau, Payler, Appled, and
others, who declined uniting with us
in the movement. They would be interesting to you on
many accounts. But your better mind will not approve
that they have any sympathy with them, in their
palliation of slavery institutions, or in their dis-
like of the abolition movement. Mr Martineau would
not sign our "Address", because he thought that as he could
not bear his share of the obloquy and persecution
which an open adherence to that movement
involves,

among you, he had no right to offer advice,
when he could give no test of the willingness that
he felt to suffer in or for a cause. I regret
exceedingly that our "Address" had not the additional
weight which his name would have given it,
but he is averse to acting in concert with as-
sociated bodies of any kind or for any purpose, and
as his gifted sister remarked, in a letter to me, on
this very subject, it seems but misfortune & work
alone. We have been long expecting to
receive your promised answer, but it
has not yet appeared (I write now Oct. 21st). I have
seen your letters on the subject, and hope
you will soon see that it is sent over the
great deep & is.

But enough on this subject. In thinking
has given you all the information that can be
given respecting it, and as he has been a better
correspondent than myself, I presume he
has made you acquainted with our Unitarian
views, since we had the pleasure of seeing
you among us.

We have been in great anxiety, and have
been called to much labour, with reference to the
Chapels Bill: and now the affair is over, and
our churches have relied, we are really amazed
at the result. The Bights in the Church, and the Bights
out of it, for the time, lost sight of their party spirit,
blew, and united their forces against us, in the
opposed expectation, we have reason to know,
that they should crush us completely. But
blessed be God, the cause of truth and justice has
gloriously triumphed, ~~and~~ they have done us
good, where they only intended evil. Public
attention has been called to our principles,
and thousands who neither knew nor cared
any thing about Unitarian Christianity have
been led to inquire what it is that we believe
and teach. My hope and prayer are that
we may employ faithfully the opportunity
afforded us of preaching our pure and blessed
faith, and I really think that a more sacred
spirit is rapidly developing itself in our
societies. Joseph Barker, in the North, is doing
a good work, among the humbler classes,

who have been too much lost sight of in our
enumerations, and his success shows that
the poor are ready to receive the simple Gospel.
He is a very remarkable man, - of strong mind
and of great energy. You are acquainted I dare
say with his history. He was brought up among
the Methodists, and has worked his way gradually
into Unitarianism.

We are going on happily and prosperously
at Lewis's Mead. Our numbers are steadily
increasing, and our numerous institutions
all give signs of vitality and power. I enclose
you a copy of our last Superior Report, with which
I think you will be pleased. I do not remember
whether you saw Mr. Bayley when you were
here. He has ^{courses of preparation and words just as the} ~~eight~~ views of the true mode of clearing
the poor and miserable, but we wish he
had more of that winning and affectionate ad-
dress, which your Pickerman seems to have so
pre-eminently possessed, and which wins the hearts
even of the most depraved. I shall write to you on
the subject of our Conference affairs, and
will conclude this epistle, by offering you
of my affectionate regards, and believing you
William Jackson

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